been received for techno-economic clearance.

Development of Ayurvedic Medicines for Heart Ailments

1551. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Press have reported that an American pharmaceutical firm has developed/manufactured 'Amrit Kalash' a medi-tab (Medical tablet) purely from Indian Ayurvedic Medicinal Plants to be used in thrombosis, Angina Pectoris and other heart ailments with cent percent success rate and no side-effects;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to procure and utilise this knowledge for common peoples's welfare;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any project to develop Ayurvedic medicine for heart ailments; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have been a few reports in a section of the Indian Press about a herbal Food Supplement preparation named 'Amrit Kalash' prepared by Maharishi Ayurveda, Noida (UP). It has been claimed that the preparation is useful in certain heart ailments cancer, etc. However, Scientific evidence is scanty.

(c) and (d) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha has carried out some initial studies and trial is in progress.

Misuse of Funds by the Yoga Centres

1552. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of the 7th March, 1990 regarding gross misuse of Government funds allocated to the Yoga Centres and victimisation of the employees of these centres; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The mater is under consideration.

Action against M/s. Jindal group of industries for committing fraud

1553. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received from the workers' Union of Hindustan Photo Fims Manufacturing Company Limited regarding fraud of about Rs. 100 crores by M/s. Jindal group of industries, who have set up three units, namely, Bhimtal, Northern Plastics and Indo-Thermo Plastics; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken against the firm?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) A copy of letter dated 10th February, 1990 from Photo Film Workers' Union of M/s. Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited, addressed to the Ministry of Finance alleging certain irregularities on the part of Jindal Group of Industries has been received. The matter is being looked into.